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Lebanon

Arab-U.S. Talks, Related Comment -- The talks between the two Arab foreign ministers and U.S. President Ronald Reagan were "fruitful and frank" and centered on UN Security Council resolutions, Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Sa'ud al-Faysal said in remarks reported by Damascus radio. Syrian Foreign Minister 'Abd al-Halim Khaddam had earlier called on the United States to "shoulder its responsibility" in ending the Israeli invasion of Lebanon, according to the radio. Meanwhile, Riyadh radio expressed optimism that the U.S.-Arab talks would be successful.

Citing sources close to the negotiations in Washington, Monte Carlo radio said the Americans have offered the PLO, through Al-Faysal and Khaddam, recognition if the PLO accepts UN Resolutions 242 and 338. This would be followed by recognition of the Palestinians' right to self-determination. The radio spoke of the emergence of the beginning of a solution to the crisis under which the cease-fire would be consolidated and UN troops would be deployed between Israeli and PLO forces. The IDF would withdraw southward and the PLO fighters would withdraw from Beirut, some going to Syria and the rest deploying temporarily in the Al-Biqa' Valley and northern Lebanon prior to departing for other Arab host countries. Asserting that President Reagan told Khaddam and Al-Faysal that he will pressure Israel into refraining from dealing any military blow to Beirut, the radio said the Americans promised to convince the Israelis to accept the preliminary agreement as part of an attempt to find an overall solution to the Arab-Israeli conflict. Mutual recognition between the PLO and the United States is expected "within the next few days," the radio claimed. Earlier, Hani al-Hasan, an adviser to PLO Executive Committee Chairman Yasir 'Arafat, told the UAE paper AL-ITTIHAD that the United States must recognize the PLO as the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinians and deal with the basic issue in a direct way, according to WAKH. He said U.S. recognition of the PLO would be a minimum condition for the PLO's military withdrawal from Beirut. Another of 'Arafat's advisers, 'Isam as-Sartawi, told a Paris press conference that the PLO wants to recognize the State of Israel if at the same time the right of all nations to exist is also recognized, Paris radio reported.

In Beirut, U.S. envoy Philip Habib has worked out a three-stage plan with all the parties concerned, Beirut radio reported. The plan calls for: the withdrawal of the IDF from Khaldah to Ad-Damur; the withdrawal of the Palestinian forces from Lebanon, probably to Syria; and the deployment of multinational forces, including U.S., French, Italian, Greek and Yugoslav troops and possibly some from Eastern bloc countries. The Palestinian civilians would return to their camps and the Syrian forces would gradually withdraw from Al-Biqa' and the north in return for a gradual Israeli withdrawal, first to Sidon, and then to the international border. However, sources close to the Lebanese Government denied that these ideas are new and said all negotiations in Lebanon are frozen pending the outcome of the talks in Washington, according to a subsequent radio report.

In an interview with the clandestine Voice of Palestine radio, Nayif Hawatimah, secretary general of the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine, said he expected no positive results from the U.S-Arab meeting in Washington. Only bitter and brave fighting against the Israeli invasion forces can produce positive results, he asserted. In a similar vein, Mustafa Abu 'Ali, assistant secretary general of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine said in a Damascus television interview that the Arabs must exploit Israel's inability to wage a long war and sustain heavy losses.

Israeli Comments, Shamir Visit -- Citing U.S. sources, Jerusalem radio reported that President Reagan spoke "firmly" to the Saudi and Syrian foreign ministers, telling them to either propose real solutions to the PLO problem or stop making demands. The U.S. side again stressed its refusal to hold direct contacts with the PLO unless the latter recognizes Israel's right to exist, the radio said.

Israeli Foreign Minister Yitzhaq Shamir may visit Washington next week for talks with U.S. officials about the situation in Lebanon, IDF radio noted.

Egyptian Message -- Egyptian President Husni Mubarak has sent a "highly important" message on Lebanon and other Middle East issues to President Reagan, MENA reported.

Military Situation -- Sporadic shooting continued in Beirut and the port area was hit by shellfire causing the Port Road to be closed, Beirut radio reported. The radio said there was traffic movement between east and west Beirut and Israeli planes continued to fly over the city. The Voice of Palestine claimed Israeli forces attempted to advance toward a Beirut airport runway but were forced to retreat. The radio also indicated that SAM batteries were moved into the Al-Biqa' Valley by the Syrians, but this was later denied by an IDF spokesman cited by Jerusalem radio. A katyusha shell landed in northern Galilee and two "terrorists" admitted responsibility for the act, IDF radio reported.

Israel

The strike in Druze villages in the Golan Heights is over, IDF radio reported.

Jordan

The PLO is pleased with King Husayn's decision to release 24 Palestinian fedayeen from Jordanian jails, KUNA reported citing a high-level Palestinian source in Amman.

Iran-Iraq War

Heavy fighting continued on the southern and western fronts, with both sides claiming heavy enemy losses. An Iranian Armed Forces communique carried by Tehran radio reported that there was heavy artillery and tank fire on the western fronts; and that Abadan was hit by enemy shellfire. IRNA claimed that enemy tanks were destroyed along the Shatt al-'Arab, and another IRNA report said repeated Iraqi attacks against various Iranian outposts were unsuccessful and hundreds of Iraqis were killed or wounded. An Iraqi military communique carried by Baghdad radio said fighting continued around Basra; two naval targets were destroyed in Khowr-e Musa and Iranian artillery hit Basra and Khanaqin. Later, a military spokesman cited by the radio said Iranian losses around Basra for 19-20 July amounted to over 1,800 dead and 15 tanks destroyed. An Iranian plane was shot down during an attempted raid on Baghdad, according to another Baghdad radio report.

Deputy Prime Minister Tariq 'Aziz told a Baghdad press conference cited by INA that he is pleased with the military situation east of Basra. He also noted that Iraq's nuclear program is continuing.

On the diplomatic side, Iranian Prime Minister Mir-Hosevn Musavi told an Algiers press conference reported by APS that Iran would accept Algeria's mediation in the conflict if it would help to achieve the conditions set by Iran for a settlement. Afterward, Musavi arrived in Libya and said Iran regarded Libya as its "second country," JANA reported. According to Tehran radio, Musavi met with Libya's Col Mu'ammar al-Qadhdhafi and the two agreed that fighting Iraqi President Saddam Husayn is an important phase in fighting Zionism.

Iraq

President Saddam Husayn has pardoned Iraqi communists living inside or outside the country, Monte Carlo radio said, citing unofficial reports.

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KARMAL ADDRESSES NATION ON 'ID AL-FITR

LD210644 Kabul BAKHTAR in English 0420 GMT 21 Jul 82

["Text" of radio-telecast speech by Babrak Karmal, general secretary of the PDPA Central Committee and chairman of the Revolutionary Council, to the nation on the eve of 'Id al-Fitr]

[Text] Dear compatriots, Muslim and toiling brothers and sisters·

Permit me to present the best congratulations and wishes of the Revolutionary Council, the Government of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan and my own to you noble and religious people of the revolutionary Afghanistan and to all the fraternal peoples of Islamic countries on the occasion of the holy 'Id al-Fitr and wish the prosperity, progress and all Muslim toilers of the world.

Noble and toiling compatriots, this year, despite the efforts of reaction and imperialism and continuation and intensification of their undeclared war against our people and homeland, the toiling Muslims of our country passed the happy days of Ramadan in an atmosphere of calmness and greater confidence and welcomed the arrival of the holy 'Id al-Fitr.

This state of affairs is the result of the heroic efforts of the militant sons of the country and its religious people, especially our heroic armed forces, these messengers of peace who have sacrificed their rest day and night in order to see that the children, the old and the women and finally every family and every individual in our country may lead a happy life and work in an atmosphere void of anxiety and concern in a calm environment free from terr[illegible] and fear of the counterrevolutionary elements.

The return of calm, peaceful and happy life in the Panjsher and Paghman Districts and in a number of other regions of the country in the recent days is a strong witness of this claim of ours.

Your revolutionary state, simultaneously with relentlessly crushing the enemies of our revolution, is consistently and determinedly proceeding in the way of realisation of the long cherished aspirations of the people as reflected in the programme of action of the People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan adopted in the countrywide party conference.

The beginning of the second stage of distribution of land and land ownership documents to the toiling farmers of the country is an example of the efforts of the party and the state for the fulfillment of this great and historical task.

As a result of the measures taken by the party and the state, the revolutionary legality and the atmosphere of trust and confidence among the people has been further consolidated.

Lately, thousands of our compatriots, who had left the country under the effect of hostile propaganda, have returned to their country, to their homes and have resumed their peaceful and honest work in the interest of the country and revolution. Likewise, hundreds of the armed individuals, who were deceived by the enemies of the revolution, have laid down their arms, joined the ranks of the defenders of revolution announced their desire to cooperate with the revolutionary government. This state of affairs reflects the fact that our countrymen increasingly realize the falsity of the poisonous propaganda of the counter-revolution and every day greater numbers of the deceived persons become aware of the futility and harmfulness of cooperation with the counter-revolution.

In relation to this situation we invite all the noble compatriots once again to join hands in the ranks of the National Fatherland Front of the country for the creation of durable and permanent peace in the country, construction of peaceful and confident, progressive and blossoming life and to work and struggle unitedly.

Dear compatriots, I consider it my duty to express sympathy and condolence, in these days of 'Id al-Fitr, with those families of our compatriots who have lost their sons and relatives in the way of defending the honor and prestige of the revolutionary Afghanistan, in the way of defending the revolutionary gains of the country's toilers against the aggression and conspiracies of imperialism, reaction and hegemonism or as a result of the acts of terror of the mercenaries and counter-revolutionary marauders.

Arduous and endless praise to the holy spirits of all heroic martyrs of this prideful and great cause!

The state of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan is determined to pay serious attention to these families and individuals for all the time, so that they are not faced with moral and material difficulties. An example of this care of the state can be clearly seen in the recent adoption of the law of rights and privileges of the wounded, disabled and the survivors of the martyrs of the April Revolution.

Dear compatriots, in these auspicious days of Ramadan, and right now at the threshold of the happy days of 'Id al-Fitr, all the Muslims and the toiling peoples of the world are witnessing one of the most shameful aggressions of Zionism and imperialism against the Arab people of Palestine and the people of independent and sovereign Lebanon. As we have pointed out several times, this criminal and shameful aggression of the Israelis, which is a gross violation of all norms of international life and another tragic example of negligence of the principles of international law, was impossible without the help and support of the USA.

The stand of our country in this regard and vis-a-vis all the problems of the Middle East is fully clear and principled. We strongly condemn these shameless acts of the aggressive and Zionist Israel which are taking place with the cooperation of the USA and once again express our militant solidarity with the brother people of Palestine and patriotic forces of Lebanon.

We invite all the Muslims of the world to fight in one broad and united front against the Zionist conspiracies against the Palestine Arab people and Lebanese and for repelling the imperialist aggressions.

At the end once again I congratulate all the people of Afghanistan, Pashtun and Baluch brothers and all the toiling Muslims of the world, among them the brother peoples of Iran and Pakistan, on the occasion of these auspicious days and wish them prosperity, happiness and flourishing.

Once again we announce on the occasion of the 'Id al-Fitr that the policy of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan is a policy of peace and friendship with all the peoples and nations of the world.

Long live the unity of the world toiling Muslims against the reaction, imperialism and Zionism, for the sake of peace, freedom, happiness and welfare of all.

Down with the enemies of the toiling Muslim peoples of the world.

KARMAL SENDS MESSAGE TO 'ARAFAT ON LEBANON

LD201904 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1600 GMT 20 Jul 82

[Message from Babrak Karmal, general secretary of the PDPA Central Committee and chairman of the DRA Revolutionary Council, to PLO Chairman Yasir 'Arafat -- date not given]

[Text] Dear Brother Yasir 'Arafat: These days, the world is witness to the aggression of the Israeli Zionists and their imperialist masters -- that is, U.S. imperialism -- against Lebanon and the Arab people of Palestine.

Once again the Israeli occupiers have embarked on a major war in the Middle East, have transformed the peaceful villages and towns in Lebanon into rubble, and have (?massacred) thousands of Palestinian and Lebanese children, old people and innocent women. The Israeli aggressors shamelessly violate the accepted norms and behavior in international (?affairs) and all resolutions of the United Nations Organization concerning Lebanon and are trying, by way of the massacre of Palestinians, to eliminate the PLO and also annihilate the united and independent Lebanon.

All these actions conceal the sinister strategic aims of Tel Aviv and Washington. By exploiting Arab disunity, they want to bring Arab countries, one after the other, under their imperialist sway and their subversive policy to further (?isolate) the Arabs and stifle the national liberation struggle in that part of the world.

The people of Afghanistan, who are themselves victims of the armed interference of imperialist and reactionary forces, deeply feel all the suffering, pain and innumerable persecutions the brazen aggression by the Israelis has brought on the people of Palestine and Lebanon.

The DRA considers Israel's recent aggression and its new crimes against Lebanon as a shameless [word indistinct] to the peace-loving people of the world, to all international society as the most hostile and most brazen action of flouting the legitimate rights of the Arab people -- that is, the right of freedom, political independence, national independence and the territorial integrity of the Arabs. The people of Afghanistan express their hatred of U.S. imperialism, which is putting fatal new weapons at the disposal of the Israeli criminals, encouraging Israel in its savage aggression and supporting its savage and intimidating terror.

In these turbulent moments of test and sacrifice for the people of Lebanon, Palestinians and all the Arab people, the DRA and our people resolutely demand the cessation of Israel's criminal aggression against Lebanon and that Israeli forces withdraw unconditionaly from Lebanese soil, and that the expansion of new incidents in the Middle East be stopped.

The DRA once again expresses its support for the people of Lebanon, the national and patriotic forces of that country, the Palestine Resistance movement, the other Arab peoples and the leading members of the Arab Steadfastness and Confrontation Front in their just struggle to win the legitimate rights of the Arab people against imperialism and Zionism.

Stop Israeli aggression against the soil of Lebanon!

Zionist occupiers out of Lebanon!

KARMAL, KESHTMAND GREET POLISH LEADERS

LD202020 Kabul Domestic Service in Pashto 1600 GMT 20 Jul 82

[Text] Babrak Karmal, general secretary of the PDPA Central Committee and chairman of the DRA Revolutionary Council, and Soltan 'Ali Keshtmand, member of the PDPA Central Committee Politburo and chairman of the Council of Ministers, have sent congratulatory telegrams to Warsaw on the occasion of Poland's National Day addressed to Wojciech Jaruzelski, first secretary of the PZPR Central Committee and chairman of the Polish Council of Ministers, and Henryk Jablonski, president of the Polish Council of State.

In the telegrams, confidence was expressed that the people of Poland will gain further political, economic and social successes under the wise leadership of the PZPR and in accordance with the valuable instructions of the Ninth PZPR Congress.

The telegrams add that the fraternal relations and cooperation between the parties and people of both countries will be further strengthened and developed in the interests of our people and the cause of peace and security in the world.

DECISIONS TAKEN ON FUEL SUPPLIES, CONSTRUCTION

LD200538 Kabul BAKHTAR in English 0443 GMT 20 Jul 82

[Text] Kabul, July 19, BAKHTAR -- The Executive Committee of the Council of Ministers of the DRA today took important decisions to ensure adequate fuel supplies to the citizens of Kabul during the current year.

Under a decision taken by the periodical session of the Executive Committee held today, the Kabul municipality has been obligated to procure and keep sufficient stocks of firewood and open ten more sales outlets for coal and firewood.

The Ministry of Mines and Industries has also been asked to procure thirty thousand tons of coal and supply it to citizens of Kabul.

The meeting also approved the autumn sowing campaign in order to meet the planned targets set for the current year.

The Executive Committee of the Council of Ministers approved definite measures for providing greater assistance to the peasants, agricultural cooperatives and state farms.

The meeting also adopted a decision as regard to the beginning of the construction of residential blocks for families and bachelors for the workers of Karkar coal mines.

ARMED CLASHES REPORTED ON EASTERN BORDER

LD210726 Kabul BAKHTAR in English 0416 GMT 21 Jul 82

[Text] Kabul, July 20, BAKHTAR -- Reports coming in from across the eastern borders of Afghanistan indicate that an armed clash has recently taken place between Eisa Khail sub-tribe of Mohmand Tribe and a group of Afghan counter-revolutionaries in the Jaruki pass in Mohmand tribal territory. As a result of the clash, 12 Afghan counter-revolutionaries were killed and ten of them were captured together with their weapons.

The reports say that the Mohmand tribesmen have banned the passage of counter-revolutionaries through their tribal territory.

According to another report, a bomb exploded in a tent of the guards of a camp of miscreants in Peshapesh in Mohmand territory. As a result of this, three lackeys of reaction and imperialism were killed, four of them were wounded and a great quantity of their arms were destroyed.

Similarly, a bomb exploded in a car of counter-revolutionary bandits carrying arms. The car, together with the arms, was destroyed.

BRIEFS

SOVIET COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT -- Kabul, July 15, BAKHTAR -- A quantity of equipment worth 2 million roubles provided by the Ministry of Communications of the Soviet Union to the Ministry of Communications of the DRA was presented to the responsible authorities of that ministry today. These include a number of Volga and Muscvitch types of vehicles, two mobile post stations mounted on Gaz motors, two other cars, one Byelorussian excavator, one compressor, 5 transmitters and 70 radio sets and other pieces of equipment. [Text] [Kabul BAKHTAR in English 0540 GMT 16 Jul 82 LD]

DOHA RETURNS FROM NICOSIA NONALIGNED MEETING

BK201722 Dacca Domestic Service in English 1705 GMT 20 Jul 82

[Text] Foreign Minister A.R. Shamsul Doha returned to Dacca today after attending the emergency meeting of the Nonaligned Coordinating Bureau on the Palestine question held at Nicosia, Cyprus. Doha addressed the general session of the meeting. The decision to call the Nicosia meeting was taken following an earlier meeting of the Nonaligned Coordinating Bureau in New York at the request of the PLO chairman, Yasir 'Arafat.

EX-FINANCE MINISTER JAILED FOR CORRUPTION

BK181045 Hong Kong AFP in English 1605 GMT 17 Jul 82

[Text] Dacca, July 17 (AFP) -- A special martial law tribunal today found former Finance Minister Saifur Rahman guilty of one charge of corruption and sentenced him to imprisonment but acquitted him of two other charges.

The tribunal, headed by a colonel, ordered 51-year-old Rahman, who served as finance minister for 5 years in the government of the slain President Zia and later of the deposed President Sattar, to pay a fine of taka 200,000 (about U.S. $10,000) failing which to suffer hard labour for two years.

The tribunal which tried the former minister for corruption and abuse of official position acquitted him of the first and second charges of exempting a housing society from paying stamp duty worth taka 2,200,000 (U.S.$110,000) and recommending a hotel owner to get a loan of taka 500,000 (U.S. $25,000) from a nationalised commercial bank.

The third charge of which he was convicted relates to unauthorised use of a vehicle of a government bank by members of his family.

Official news agency BSS said the tribunal in its unanimous judgement observed that the prosecution had failed to prove the first and second charges but had proved the third one beyond doubt.

Mr. Rahman, who was arrested shortly after the military takeover by General Ershad last March, became the fifth former minister of the ousted civilian government of BNP to be convicted under martial law for corruption.

The other convicted ministers are Jamaluddin Ahmed, Abul Hasnat, Chowdhury Tanvir, Ahmed Siddique and retired Naval Captain Nurul Haq (tried in absentia).

Prosecution sources said that they did not have any fresh charges against Mr. Rahman, adding "if Mr. Rahman agrees to pay the fine, he may be freed from jail soon."

Another tribunal headed by a brigadier early this week began the trial of former Deputy Prime Minister S.A. Bari, State Minister Aftabuzzaman and several others on charges of corruption.

Former Youth Development Minister Abul Kashem was arrested last month at his home for sheltering a hardened murderer in his official residence and obstructing police in catching the criminal, known as Imdu, who was later arrested.

Imdu himself was condemned to death last month by a summary martial law court and press reports said the government recently had turned down his petition for mercy.

HAQ RETURNS FROM TALKS IN SAUDI ARABIA

BK200044 Karachi Domestic Service in English 1700 GMT 19 Jul 82

[Text] President Gen Mohammad Ziaul Haq returned to Rawalpindi tonight after a brief visit to Saudi Arabia. During his stay, the president performed umrah [unscheduled pilgrimage] and visited Meccatual Mukarramah and Medina-i-Munawarrah. The president was also the guest of King Fahd ibn 'Abd al-'Aziz [words indistinct] at his Mecca palace in Jidda and held talks with him on bilateral relations, regional development and the international situation.

YAQUB KHAN RETURNS FROM NICOSIA CONFERENCE

BK200931 Karachi Overseas Service in Urdu 0800 GMT 20 Jul 82

[Text] Foreign Minister Sahabzada Yaqub Khan returned to Karachi today after attending the nonaligned foreign ministers conference in Nicosia.

OPPOSITION LEADER CALLS FOR REFERENDUM

BK201400 Delhi General Overseas Service in English 1330 GMT 20 Jul 82

[Text] Leader of the banned Pakistan Democratic Party Nusrullah Khan has urged General Zia to hold a referendum on the performance of his military rule. In an interview to the Urdu daily, JANG, he said General Zia should either hold general elections or call a referendum. He said that there would be no objection if the military rule gets the mandate from the people. He, however, made it clear that a political settlement could be reached only on the basis of the 1973 Constitution and elections under it.

Meanwhile, the martial law regime is facing mounting criticism for a recent order banning political activities by bar associations and councils. Pakistani press reports say that the bar associations of Lahore, Karachi and Peshawar have demanded immediate withdrawal of the ban and restoration of people's rights.

BRIEFS

COTTON EXPORTS TO PRC -- Pakistan exported 1.6 million bales of cotton during the last fiscal year. Out of the total exports, about 700,000 bales of cotton were purchased by China alone. A Chinese delegation, which recently visited Pakistan, expressed the hope that Sino-Pakistani cooperation in this field will keep on increasing constantly. [Text] [Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 1500 GMT 13 Jul 82 BK]

WHEAT TO IRAN -- Pakistan is to export 50,000 tons of wheat to Iran. The details regarding the export were finalized at the meeting in Lahore on 19 July by the Pakistan agricultural storage and supply corporation with leader of the Iranian delegation (Fordoon Afhani). The first consignment of Pakistani wheat will be sent to Iran immediately after the 'Id al-Fitr. [Text] [Karachi Domestic Service in English 1700 GMT 19 Jul 82 BK]

GROUND STATION AT ISLAMABAD -- A permanent ground station is to be established at Islamabad at a cost of 100 million rupees to directly receive pictures of the earth being transmitted by earth resources survey satellite. This was decided at a meeting of the executive committee of the high-powered Space Research Council held in Islamabad under the chairmanship of Federal Finance Minister Ghulam Ishaq Khan. [Text] [Karachi Domestic Service in English 1700 GMT 19 Jul 82 BK]

MATERIALS CONCERNING RAMADAN OPERATION

Guerrilla Operation in Meymak

LD201044 Tehran IRNA in Arabic 0900 GMT 20 Jul 82

[Text] Ilam, 20 Jul (IRNA) -- Five fedayeen groups of our valiant forces at dawn this morning were able to infiltrate to the heart of enemy positions in Meymak and inflicted heavy losses on him, killing 70 Saddamists, wounding 40 others, destroying 17 bunkers, 3 vehicles and 1 enemy ammunition dump.

These groups returned safely to their bases.

Arvand Rud Victories

LD201008 Tehran IRNA in English 0923 GMT 20 Jul 82

[Text] Hadann, July 19, IRNA -- Four tanks and several personnel carriers of the enemy were smashed today beyond the Arvand River by the artillery fire of the Islamic defenders.

The smoke caused by the destruction of these tanks and personnel carriers was seen for several hours. Also two individual bunkers and several observation posts and group bunkers of the enemy were demolished and casualties were inflicted upon the Iraqi aggressors when the gendarmerie forces zeroed in on the enemy bunkers beyond the Arvand River.

The Islamic combatants overran the enemy bunkers in one of the western battlefields on Saturday, killing 50 Iraqis and blasting eight group and individual bunkers.

Iraqi Counterattacks Defeated

LD201038 Tehran IRNA in English 0935 GMT 20 Jul 82

[Text] Fajr military outpost, (Khuzestan Province), July 19 (IRNA) -- The commander of the 77th Khorasan Army Division said here today that at least 20 Iraqi soldiers had been killed in an abortive attempt to penetrate the lines of the Iranian troops north of the Zeid outpost. He said the Iraqis had lost 11 tanks and military personnel carriers, and one truckful of ammunition.

The Iraqi troops again tried to recapture the outpost at 05.00 am (01.30 GMT) today but were repulsed by the Iranian forces. They lost at least (?11) tanks and armoured personnel carriers and sustained a heavy toll of 500 wounded at the end of a 7-hour useless struggle.

In another interview, the commander of the 21st Hamzeh Division said in the Nasr outpost today that the Iraqis had launched fresh attacks against the positions of the Iranian troops but in the wake of four aborted counterattacks the Iraqi troops eventually retreated after having sustained a heavy toll of casualties. They also left behind undamaged several tanks.

He said the Iraqi Mechanised Brigades Number Six and Eight, and its Armoured Brigades Number 35 and 10, as well as its Divisions Number Six and Nine had incurred heavy casualties during the early morning operations today.

Commenting on the presence of the Iranian troops inside Iraqi territory, he said massive massacres by the Ba'thist regime, and the crimes that it had committed (?against Iran) for 22 months since the start of the war duly justified the Iranian thrust into Iraqi territory "in order [word indistinct] right themselves and safeguard the sanctity of the blood of our martyrs."

Iraqi Counteroffensives Fail

LD201122 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 20 Jul 82

[Text] According to a report received from the central Karbala' garrison, the joint operational headquarters of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps, the combatants of Islam on the battlefronts continue their operations in order to strike blows against the deceived and aggressive Ba'thist forces, neutralize enemy movements to regain liberated zones and crush the enemy's feeble attempts to regain occupied areas inside Iraq.

At dawn today, collecting his forces along the (?Shahabi) axis, an operational sector, the enemy attempted a counteroffensive supported by artillery but was confronted by the alertness and resistance of the Islamic combatants. At 0900, leaving behind several dead or wounded, five tanks and three destroyed personnel carriers, the enemy was forced to flee.

Again, at 1000, under strong pressure from his commanders and from threats, the enemy attempted another counteroffensive. This time, too, the enemy move was severely crushed by the powerful forces of Islam and the deceived enemy fled, leaving behind (?20) destroyed tanks and personnel carriers, 3 bulldozers and several dead or wounded.

During this operation, about 200 of the enemy were killed or wounded. The commander of one of the active tank battalions was killed by the forces of Islam.

At present on the battlefronts, the forces of Islam are guarding the captured positions and sectors with the utmost alertness.

Rafsanjani Condemns Air Raids

LD201134 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 20 Jul 82

[Excerpts] The Islamic Majlis held an open session today. At this session, which was chaired by Mr Hashemi-Rafsanjani, the speaker of the Majlis delivered the following speech:

[Begin recording] In the name of God, the compassionate, the merciful. As you have been informed, yesterday there were air raids on the champion town of Ilam and the martyr-nurturing town of Khorramabad. A number of people were martyred or wounded in these two towns.

We send condolences to the honorable people of these two towns and to the families who have suffered. The greatest condolence is that it was crimes like these committed by Saddam that gave our fighting forces one of their motives during the war. Saddam's filthy [word indistinct] bombing towns like Dezful, Ahvaz, Abadan and committed such crimes, exposed itself to the world and our combatants realized what criminals they were fighting against.

At this sensitive juncture, when we have entered Iraqi territory, we need such motivation more than ever before, although the principle of fighting [word indistinct] blasphemy is in itself the greatest motivation. Once again Saddam has revealed his true nature, in spite of all his claims of loving peace and innocence, and made our combatants and our people determined in their fight to restore their rights and to revenge these crimes.

At the end of today's open session, Mr Hashemi-Rafsanjani announced the Majlis summer recess and thanked the students of Tehran's teachers training center for girls for being present at today's open session. He beseeched God for their success in carrying out their programs and work.

Attacks on Saybah, Al-Faw

LD201802 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 20 Jul 82

[Text] According to an IRNA report, as a result of the accurate fire of the guards of the Islamic Revolution Committee of Abadan today, one large ammunition dump in the Saybah region, inside Iraqi territory, was destroyed.

Also, as a result of the accurate fire of the heroes of the gendarmerie on enemy positions in the Al-Faw region, inside Iraqi territory, one observation tower and one 60-mm mortar emplacement with all its crew were destroyed and a number of the forces of Saddam were killed.

Joint Staff Communique 985

LD201806 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 20 Jul 82

[Communique No 985 of the Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran]

[Text] In His exalted name. The proud and victorious combatants of Islam, during their just and righteous battle yesterday, just as on previous days, fired on the disintegrating body of the aggressive Iraqi Ba'thist Armed Forces on battlefronts and in confrontations. The warriors of Islam taught a lesson to the godless Saddamist mercenaries in the war of Islam against blasphemy on the battlefield. The criminal Saddamist mercenaries should know that the more they bomb the cities of our homeland, the more they drop bombs on the defenseless people of the cities and the more defenseless people they martyr or make homeless, the more they will see their punishment on the battlefronts; but the Muslim people of Iraqi cities will never suffer retaliation for these crimes.

Yesterday the combatants of Islam continued their efforts on the western fronts of the country in order to destroy the Saddamists. The outcome of their efforts yesterday is as follows:

During exchange of fire on the western fronts of the country, from Qasr-e Shirin to Meymak and Salehabad, the brave warriors of the ground forces and other self-sacrificing forces of Islam opened artillery and tank fire on positions and units of the Iraqi Ba'thist mercenaries, destroying one tank, several weapon emplacements and several of their trenches; preventing the operations and movement of the Saddamist forces, our forces killed a number of their troops on each front.

The sporadic exchange of artillery and mortar fire between our forces and the Saddamist mercenaries continued on the Marivan and Paveh fronts, in which our forces had superior firepower. The losses suffered by the Iraqi forces include the destruction of two emplacements for heavy weapons and the annihilation of three of their troops.

In addition to bombing Ilam and Khorramabad yesterday, the criminal Saddamist mercenaries tried to encroach upon the airspace of several other southern cities of the country, but the aggressive Iraqi planes were confronted by the prompt fire of the air defense units of the forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran and were forced to flee before having a chance to commit more crimes.

At 1230 yesterday one of the encroaching aircraft of the Iraqi aggressive forces was hit by the antiaircraft fire of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran on one of the western fronts of the country and crashed in enemy territory.

The city of Abadan was under long-range artillery fire from the Iraqi Ba'thist mercenaries. As a result, several houses were demolished and one person was wounded.

[Signed] The Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran

Iraqi Colonel on War

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[Text] According to an IRNA dispatch, Colonel 'Abd al-Mun'im, the commanding officer of the 2d Battalion of the 504th Brigade of the 4th Iraqi Division, who was taken prisoner a few days ago by the combatant forces of Islam, described in an interview the attack by the forces of Islam during the Ramadan Operation as very powerful and unexpected and noted that after the arrival of the forces of the Islamic Republic on Iraqi soil the military commanders of the Iraqi Army certainly learned about the power of the Islamic army. He, personally, was confident that the Iranian forces, just as they have already scored remarkable successes, in the future, too, will be able to defeat the Iraqi Army on all fronts.

Emphasizing the fact that in the course of this attack the Iranian forces suffered few casualties, he said that the losses in military hardware suffered by our forces were also negligible in the extreme.

In conclusion, Colonel 'Abd al-Mun'im, expressing his hope for the establishment of an Islamic regime in Iraq, said: I hope that in the near future, with the overthrow of the Iraqi Ba'th Party, the two nations in Islamic brotherhood will be able to repair the destruction resulting from the war.

Iraqis Shell Abadan

LD201746 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 20 Jul 82

[Text] IRNA reports that today the Iraqi criminals hit the residential areas of the steadfast town of Abadan with 120-mm mortars, martyred 7 of our innocent compatriots in that town and wounded 21 others. During this savage attack three homes were set on fire.

Iraqi Planes Strafe Ahvaz

GF210927 Tehran International Service in Arabic 0900 GMT 21 Jul 82

[Text] The first item in this newscast is about the latest aggressive Saddamist crimes against our tranquil Islamic cities.

O brothers: As we are about to celebrate the holy feast of 'Id al-Fitr, the aggressive Saddamist warplanes resumed attacking the residential areas in our Islamic homeland, leading to the martyrdom or wounding of a huge number of our innocent fasting civilians. This morning the vegetable market in Ahvaz was subjected to violent strafing by the hostile warplanes as a huge number of our citizens were preoccupied in buying their daily-needed goods. A huge number of the city's citizens were martyred or wounded as a result of this savage strafing. In addition, serious damage was inflicted on the market. Rescue teams are still removing the wounded and the corpses of the martyrs from under the debris. It is worth reporting that the area which was subjected to the hostile strafing this morning is inhabited by a huge number of our brother Arab citizens, in addition to the other city inhabitants who carry out their duties in the commercial field.

From God we come and to Him we shall return. Power and might come from Almighty God. [Koranic verses]

Egyptians Participate in Raids

LD211104 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 21 Jul 82

[Excerpt] According to IRNA, the violating Iraqi planes again bombed the residential and civilian parts of the steadfast and martyr-nurturing city of Ahvaz this morning in retaliation for their disgraceful defeats at the hands of the Islamic fighters.

This savage attack, which took place at 0930 today, completely destroyed a number of homes.

According to IRNA, after this demonic attack by the forces of Saddam, relief forces and Hezbollahi came to the aid of the injured, shouting: Death to America; Death to Saddam; This is evidence of America's crime; War, war until victory. By 1030, five bodies had been taken out of the rubble.

According to information received from intelligence sources, Egyptian pilots have also participated in the recent bombings of residential areas of our country. In its latest issues, NEWSWEEK reported the participation of 60 Egyptian pilots who cooperate with the Iraqi Air Force in bombing residential and civilian areas.

Baghdad Oil Installations Bombed

LD211058 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 21 Jul 82

[Text] Dispatches received from Karbala', the headquarters of the joint operations of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps and the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran, report that following the aerial bombardment of our Islamic homeland by the Iraqi Ba'thist Zionist regime, the fast-flying eagles of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran this morning bombed large areas of the enemy's oil installations in Baghdad. They inflicted heavy losses and damage on the enemy.

The brave combatants of the army of Islam downed two enemy helicopters this morning in operational areas in the south of Iraq. They also inflicted considerable damage on the enemy's military equipment and machinery in those operation areas.

SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION CRITICIZED

GF201337 Tehran International Service in Turkish 1830 GMT 18 Jul 82

[Unattributed commentary: "The UN Security Council Resolution and the Islamic Revolution"]

[Excerpts] Dear listeners: The UN Security Council, which woke up from its 22-month sleep after the commencement of the Zionist Iraqi Ba'thist regime's imposed war on Iran, has organized an emergency session to pass a resolution drawn up by vampire United States, Jordan and the Iraqi Ba'thist regime.

All clauses in the resolution loudly support the Ba'thists in Iraq and are a kind of lifebuoy for the aggressive Ba'thist regime. In fact, a careful study of the clauses in the Security Council resolution will reveal a long-standing, coordinated conspiracy hatched by international imperialism against the Islamic revolution of Iran.

A point worth mentioning is the sudden decision by the Security Council to wake up and say "Hey, we are here too" after the Zionist Iraqi Ba'thists decided on a unilateral cease-fire and resorted to a tactical withdrawal from part of occupied Iranian territory and after the Zionist regime, which occupies the Islamic land of Palestine, moved to organize savage attacks on southern Lebanon involving crimes and massacres.

In light of all this, how can the following questions be answered: Where has the Security Council been in the course of the 22-month-long war Iraq has imposed on the Islamic revolution? Taking into consideration the inhumane bombing of Iran by the Ba'thist regime in violation of international law, which has resulted in the martyrdom and maiming of hundreds of Iranians, does the Security Council resolution recognize any humane rights at all for the innocent Iranian people? No, never.

In fact, this is why the Islamic Republic has justifiably said that the Security Council resolution has been drawn up by the anti-Islam and anti-Islamic revolution vampire United States and its lackeys, the Jordanian and Iraqi regimes. This is why the Islamic Republic strongly criticized and categorically rejected the Security Council's acceptance and unanimous approval of such an imposition. Furthermore, there is no doubt that at the time the resolution was passed those who sat around the mysterious table in the Security Council failed to take into consideration the situation of the Iraqi people, who are suffering under the military boot of the Zionist Iraqi Ba'thist Party. Consequently, the Muslim Iraqi people, who have been placed under captivity by the infidel and criminal Ba'thist regime, are also criticizing the said resolution. In fact, they have rejected it outright.

Under the circumstances, we now ask the UN Security Council the following questions: Does your call for a cease-fire mean official permission for the Iraqi regime to continue bombing Iranian cities, killing or wounding civilians and destroying their homes, and shelling Iranian border cities and towns? What end would the plan for deploying a peace force in Iraq serve other than safeguarding the shaken position of the Iraqi regime and possibly crushing the strengthening of Islam in the international arena? Doesn't the Islamic Republic of Iran have the right to take the necessary steps to safeguard the gains of the Islamic revolution, which was achieved at the expense of the blood of thousands of youths? How can you expect the Islamic revolution to remain a mere onlooker to reinforcement of military position on the legal borders of Iran by the Zionist Iraqi Ba'thist aggressors?

It must be understood that the Islamic revolution can never allow the reinforcement on its borders of the armed forces of the infidel and murderer Saddam -- armed forces which have been proved to be not in the service of the Iraqi people but in the service of international imperialism. Moreover, if Iran were to remain indifferent toward such a development, it would be in conflict with the targets of the Islamic revolution.

It has been established on several occasions that UN peace forces are ineffective. This is common knowledge. The Islamic Republic of Iran is well aware to what extent the Security Council and other organizations side with defenseless innocent people and endeavor to see justice done. It is therefore crystal clear that the Islamic Republic will never relinquish its legal rights, regardless of the military and political pressures of the superpowers -- that is to say, even if these pressures manifest themselves through Security Council resolutions.

The Islamic Republic is opposed to such diplomatic moves and believes that such conspiracies are characteristic of the superpowers. Furthermore, the Islamic Republic is confident that the strings of those who take part in such conspiracies are held by the magic fingers of Eastern and Western actors. Therefore, if the Security Council has failed to understand how determined a stand the Islamic revolution has outside the sphere of political conspiracies, then let us remind its members once more that Islamic Iran, instead of political conspiracies, thinks more of the situation and fate of the poor masses of the world. It also believes that the road to Jerusalem crosses through Karbala'. In other words, it believes in the slogan "Jerusalem through Karbala'."

TEHRAN ASSAILS U.S. STAND ON WAR WITH IRAQ

GF180711 Tehran International Service in Arabic 1730 GMT 17 Jul 82

[Unattributed commentary]

[Text] The description given by the information media circles hostile to the courageous operation carried out by the Islamic forces is no more than an attempt to mar the reputation of the Islamic revolution and brand the Islamic revolution as an invading country ambitiously seeking to occupy the territories of others.

We are not here to discuss this false and feeble claim which is being exploited by certain (?mean information media organs). It is important to emphasize the noble objectives of the Islamic forces' operation inside Iraqi territory and recall the real objectives which motivated the Islamic Republic to adopt this great stand, which will change the course of events and developments in the region.

We can simply and easily understand the (?background from several aspects). The past 5 days have recorded an event which gives the authentic and genuine picture of the operations of the Islamic forces inside Iraqi territory, or rather, the real picture of the region's fate. The United States has announced through the Pentagon that it is worried about what it calls the Iranian invasion of Iraq.

As soon as Reagan heard the news of the attack, he conferred with his advisers in the National Security Council. He discussed with them means to guarantee the encirclement of the courageous Islamic attack. An assistant to the U.S. President has announced to the world's press that Washington intends to supply the friendly small countries in the region with defensive and security equipment, some of which they can use to safeguard themselves and some of which they can send to Iraq through their territories. What does this statement mean, and what does Reagan's meeting with his advisers mean?

Doesn't this mean that the United States has actually entered the war alongside the Saddam regime and against the Islamic Republic? And why does the United States adopt this stand? This is the crux of the matter and this is exactly what we are looking for, the answer we are seeking. Washington's obvious siding with Iraq has been affirmed by all radio stations, among which are the pro-Saddam regime stations. This stand, which has been recorded by the latest events, clearly shows several important facts -- foremost of which is the danger posed by the courageous Islamic push to U.S. interests in the region.

In Washington's opinion, this attack will not only affect the destiny of the regime ruling Baghdad, but it will affect all the reactionary regimes in the region -- regimes which protect U.S. interests. This U.S. notion is due to the anti-U.S. imperialism trend pursued by the Islamic Republic of Iran, which daily participates in shaping events conflicting with U.S. interests. The United States has common interests with the rulers of the reactionary regimes, and those rulers in fact represent the watchdog of U.S. interests. With their fall, these interests would be in jeopardy.

The Islamic attack has posed danger to these interests because, in the first place, it is aimed at the overthrow of these regimes circling the U.S. orbit and protecting U.S. interests and, in the second place, at the replacement of these regimes with Islamic regimes that would safeguard the interests of the peoples instead of the interests of colonialists. The mere upholding of this slogan is an act opposed to the U.S. policy, so what about working for implementing this slogan as did the Islamic Republic of Iran? By so doing it reaped Washington's enmity and attempts aimed at supporting the Baghdad regime through the agent reactionary regimes.

This is one aspect of the matter. As for the other aspect, which the U.S. administration views in terms of the courageous action of the Islamic forces, it is as follows:

The United States views two trends in the region: the one representing its interests and those defending them, and the other as represented by the wing opposed to these interests. Since establishing the Israeli petty state, the United States has been supporting and strengthening the pro-American wing which is represented by the hireling rulers. The U.S. policy has been weakening and dividing the anti-American wing. Therefore, its ferocious war against all revolutionary movements and good voices calling for the liberation of the region from the noose of the U.S. interests was unleashed. U.S. policy shapes the U.S. view on the conflict in the region -- conflict between the two trends, and the victory of either trend will be reflected on U.S. interests and will hamper U.S. colonialist economic plans.

Washington's stand on the Islamic revolution and the revolution's victory over the pre-Islamic shah regime was hostile because the revolution represented the anti-U.S.-interests trend. From the beginning, the United States feared the Islamic revolution and feared that the victory of this revolution would strengthen the anti-U.S. trend represented by the free peoples and anticolonialism revolutionary forces. Thus, the United States viewed the victory of the Islamic forces over the Baghdad regime and these forces' entry into Iraqi territory as elements which would naturally boost the morale of the anti-U.S. forces and would redesign the map of the region in a fashion that would exclude its strategic interests.

The future dimensions of this victory, which will be crowned by the overthrow of the regime of agentry in Baghdad, God willing, worries the United States, which colonialistically realizes the negative impact of the fall of the Saddam regime and the establishment of a popular revolutionary regime in Iraq.

Based on these dimensions, Washington insistently announced its full support for the Saddam regime in the war imposed on the Islamic Republic. However, the United States and its allies said they support Saddam because the Iranian armed invasion of the regime has Soviet objectives. We do not know how the Soviets got involved in this matter and we do not know why those who make these claims do not view objectively what the Islamic revolution does for the people, considering that it is hostile to all kinds of imperialist hegemony in the region and does not distinguish between this or that colonialism. What the Islamic forces carried out in recent days was against all colonialists because it was aimed at liberating all the oppressed from suffering and pain. Therefore, let the anti-Islamic revolution circles realize this plan fact.

U.S. STRENGTHENING 'IMPERIALIST VOICE'

LD202052 Tehran IRNA in English 1959 GMT 20 Jul 82

[Text] Tehran, July 20 (IRNA) -- The United States is planning to update its international broadcasting system. The plan will cover the Voice of America, Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty. The measure was announced by American President Ronald Reagan yesterday. He said following the boosting of the transmissions millions of people living in communist countries would be able to hear "facts" about the disputes between the Western and Eastern blocs.

The American president did not give any information concerning the budget of the programme. However, it is expected that the budget would be several hundred million dollars for the next six to eight years.

In the past few years, U.S. imperialism, in tandem with increasing its military and armaments activities, has boosted its propaganda programmes by opening radio stations in various parts of the world. After the victory of the Islamic revolution of Iran, it has markedly increased the volume of its radio broadcasting hours in the region.

PDRY ECONOMIC DELEGATION PAYS VISIT 17-20 JULY

Talks Held

LD181524 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 18 Jul 82

[Text] The Central News Unit reports that a PDRY economic mission, which arrived in Tehran yesterday and was welcomed by Petroleum Minister Gharazi and several other Iranian officials, began talks today with Iranian officials within the framework of two committees on trade and oil. The mission is led by 'Abd al-Qadir Ba Jammal, minister of industry and head of petroleum and minerals.

The PDRY trade delegation visited the Ministry of Commerce today and then met with the director general of the ministry responsible for Group of 77 countries. During the meeting, the question of the expansion of trade relations between the two countries and the draft proposal for a trade agreement were discussed. The report adds that the trade agreement between Iran and the PDRY, which specifies general trade policy between the two countries, will be signed tomorrow during a meeting between the PDRY minister of industry and head of petroleum and the Iranian commerce minister. In conjunction with this agreement, the two countries are to exchange a list of exportable goods. In this list the PDRY has already announced its readiness to import from Iran traditional goods, fish and other marine products.

The Yemeni delegation also met and held talks at the Oil Ministry with the head of oil-products marketing and other ministry officials on the prospects of oil cooperation between the two countries.

Since Iran began shipping its domestic oil requirements abroad for refining, oil relations between Iran and the PDRY have enjoyed a more extensive aspect, as the PDRY has been refining part of our oil in Aden refinery. Officials at the Oil Ministry have stated that the Yemeni mission has shown interest in expanding bilateral relations in the field of oil.

Trade Agreement Signed

LD191256 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 19 Jul 82

[Text] The Central News Unit reports that the first trade agreement between the Islamic Republic of Iran and the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen [PDRY] was signed before noon today in Tehran. The agreement was signed at the conclusion of a meeting today between PDRY Minister of Industry Mr 'Abd al-Qadir Ba Jammal and our country's Minister of Commerce Mr 'Asgar-Owladi.

This agreement outlines the two countries' future trade relations. Along with signing this agreement, the two countries exchanged a list of their exportable commodities. The PDRY's list includes traditional products, fish and other marine products which the PDRY is willing to import from Iran. The PDRY's minister of industry and oil is currently touring our country at the head of a PDRY delegation whose members include oil and trade experts.

Meeting With Velayati

LD201022 Tehran IRNA in English 0932 GMT 20 Jul 82

[Text] Tehran, July 19, IRAN -- 'Abd al-Qadir Jammal, the minister of industries and oil of the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen, met and conferred with Foreign Minsiter 'Ali 'Akbar Velayati here this evening.

Issues of mutual interest in the economic, political and commercial fields as well as mutual cooperation in thwarting imperialist and Zionist plots and those regional agents were discussed.

Present in this session were the deputy of the International and Economic Affairs Department as well as the managing director of the African-Asian desk of the Foreign Ministry.

Delegation Departs

LD201152 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 20 Jul 82

[Text] According to the Central News Unit, the PDRY trade delegation, led by that country's oil and industries minister, left Tehran this morning after 3 days of talks with Iranian officials and the signing of oil and trade agreements between the two countries.

During the delegation's stay in Tehran a 1-year trade agreement and a 5-year note of understanding for oil cooperation was signed by Mr 'Abd al-Qadir Ba Jammal, the PDRY oil and industries minister, and Mr Asgar-Owladi-Mosalman, commerce minister, and Mr Gharazi, oil minister of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

TUDEH PARTY'S KIANURI ON SITUATION IN IRAN

AU161242 Vienna VOLKSSTIMME in German 16 Jul 82 p 3

["Text" of statement by Nureddin Kianuri, Tudeh Party first secretary, "at a so-called 'question and answer meeting' held in mid-May 1982" -- place not given]

[Text] Our revolutionary fatherland is at present going through a very complicated and contradictory stage. We are witnessing a dangerous struggle between the followers of the line of Imam (Khomeyni), who represent the cause of anti-imperialism and social justice, and on the other side those people who are opposed to a deepening of the revolution. The enemies of the revolution have resorted to various tactics to promote their cause. They increasingly operate under the cover of "Islam" and through all kinds of doubtful organizations and societies. Their feverish "Islamization" campaigns are actually attempts to discredit the line of Imam Khomeyni, to deform the revolution and to evade anti-imperialist and social measures.

The exacerbation of the current struggle and the increasingly unconventional and artificial forms should not lead to a one-sided assessment especially regarding the direction in which we are moving. It is dangerous to oversimplify the heterogeneous structure of the ruling circles. It is also dangerous to ignore the realities and the setbacks.

In a situation where things are developing very quickly it is more important than ever to avoid simplifications and rash judgments. Every single incident, every decision must be seen as the product of an increasingly violent struggle between the friends of the revolution (the revolutionary Muslims and genuine leftists) and their enemies -- big landowners and capitalists and their "clerical" representatives. Only in this manner can the contradictory nature of the decisions made in the recent past be understood.

Let us, for example, take the events of the past few weeks. On the one hand we have such positive things as: The successful resistance to attempts aimed at postponing the discussion about a nationalization law; steps by the revolutionary institutions -- especially the so-called "seven-man commission," which deals with the implementation of land reform; the sharp rejection of a letter by Ayatollah Golpayegani by the majority of Parliament, a letter in which the Ayatollah complains about the "communist nature" of certain laws; the resistance (though inadequate) to the slander campaign originating from the fanatical pseudo-Muslims of the Hojjatiyeh society (an organization that is similar to the reactionary Muslim Brotherhood in Syria).

On the other hand we have a number of negative factors which one cannot overlook: the irresolute way of dealing with the open and hidden enemies of the revolution, the conspicuous repeated reconciliation with groups seeking to deform the revolution and which are sitting both in and around the revolutionary leadership; the capitulation to blackmail campaigns; the undemocratic practices; and the grave violations of the principles of law and order.

This also includes the fact that virtually nothing has been done against the campaigns of oppression organized by false friends of the revolution against those who seek to support the revolution -- campaigns against the Tudeh Party and against the Feda'iyan-e Khalq (majority). There are also certain attempts to deform Iranian foreign policy in such a way that it permits a return to imperialism "through the back door," by advocating the deepening of relations with the so-called "friendly Islamic countries," irrespective of which domestic and foreign policy these so-called "friendly Islamic countries" are pursuing. (This is an allusion among others to the NATO country Turkey and to Pakistan -- VOLKSSTIMME).

All this goes to show how complicated the current development is. It is necessary for us to carefully distinguish between the various lines, to be vigilant against the multifaceted conspiracies, and to stick to principled support of the revolution.

ETTELA'AT: MINIGROUP 'CRUSHED,' 30 ARRESTED

GF191458 Tehran ETTELA'AT in Persian 11 Jul 82 p 2

[Announcement by the Public Relations Office of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps in Bakhtaran -- date not given]

[Text] In His exalted name. The Hezbollahi nation and the martyr-nurturing people of Bakhtaran: With the blessings of God and the divine succor of the Almighty and the tireless round-the-clock efforts of the brother Islamic revolution guards, the installations of the pugilistic minigroup of the Cherikha-ye Feda'i, called the Ashraf Dehqani branch, one of the most criminal mischiefmaking minigroups of Bakhtaran, Eslamabad and Western (Garand) has been destroyed, most of its active members have been arrested, their safehouses and team nests have been unearthed and their publication and duplication equipment, arms and ammunition and a large quantity of cartridges, along with 12 vehicles, have been seized by the brother guards.

During the discovery of these safehouses, brother guard Mehdi Karimi was martyred and one of the members of this minigroup was condemned to hell. Thirty persons were arrested and a few of the names are as follows:

1. Nosrat Karimi, alias "Amin";
2. Ahmad Karimi, alias "Sohrab";
3. Vida Rowshani, alias "Wahideh";
4. Reza Hashmatzad, alias "Behzad";
5. Mohammad Reza Almas, alias Ashraf.

ETTELA'AT REPORTS ON EXECUTION OF 'HYPOCRITES'

GF191510 Tehran ETTELA'AT in Persian 11 Jul 82 p 2

[Excerpts] Bakhtaran, Esfahan ETTELA'AT correspondent: According to the orders of the Islamic Revolution Courts of Bakhtaran and Esfahan, four hypocrites and one murderer were sentenced to execution, which took place later.

According to the orders of the Islamic Revolution Court of Bakhtaran and the Public Relations Office of (Dizalabad) prison, two of the active supporters of the hypocrites organization named Mohammad Rizehvandi, son of Asad, and Karim Hoseyni, son of Nariman, who were in charge of the military section of the organization in Bakhtaran, were sentenced to execution for armed rebellion against the Islamic Republic.

The Islamic Revolution Court of Esfahan also checked the dossiers of three of the accused and issued the following verdicts:

[passage omitted on sentence of nonpolitical prisoner]

2. Naser Lotfizadeh, son of Mirza 'Ali, for support of the hypocrites' minigroup, membership in the military section of the organization, commander of the militia operations in Shahreza, participation in the attack on the Islamic revolution prosecutor's building in Shahr-e Kord and for throwing Molotov cocktails, grenades and serahis and laying dynamite.

3. Afsaneh Din 'Ali, daughter of Hoseyn, for support of the hypocrites organizations, participation in safehouse activities, membership in the military department of the organization, acceptance of responsibility as head of Team 4 and the technical department of the organization, who was also in charge of identification of the revolutionary people and for discovering the controls of the revolution guards and the Mobilization department, sentenced to execution.

The sentences were carried out after confirmation by the Supreme Judicial Council at dawn on Sunday, 5 July.

'FIGHTERS' SENTENCE, EXECUTE REGIME OFFICIALS

GF151745 (Clandestine) Free Voice of Iran in Persian to Iran 1500 GMT 15 Jul 82

[Text] According to a correspondent of the Free Voice of Iran, the president of the Islamic society in one of the factories in Tehran, 'Ali 'Adam, and the acting chief of police in (?Majedi) locality in Tehran have been sentenced to death in a revolutionary court by armed fighters.

The Free Voice of Iran correspondent in Paris reports that the Mojahedin-e Khalq said in a communique that two persons belonging to Khomeyni's security service, who (?played a prominent role) in spying and information gathering, and who were active in the crushing of resistance forces, were sentenced to death in a revolutionary court by armed fighters and were (?executed).

CLANDESTINE REPORTS SENTENCING OF FORMER OFFICIAL

GF201441 (Clandestine) Free Voice of Iran in Persian to Iran 1500 GMT 19 Jul 82

[Text] The Free Voice of Iran correspondent reports from Tehran that Eskandar Firuz, under secretary to the prime minister and director of the Department of Environmental Protection under the former regime, has been sentenced to execution but his sentence was changed to life imprisonment by reducing it by one degree.

It may be recalled that Khomeyni's regime has executed even those persons who were involved in development schemes but who played no part in political matters under the former regime on charges of collaboration with the previous regime. The crime of the former under secretary and director of the Department of Environmental Protection was cited as collaboration with the previous regime.